GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

GAD - Protocol – Warrant of Precedence – Order of Precedence to be observed at State Functions of the Government of Andhra Pradesh – Orders – Issued.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (PROTOCOL.A) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 59 Dated: 11-04-2018.

Read:-

G.O.Ms.No.384, General Administration (Poll.A) Department, Dt.2-7-1988.

ORDER:

Consequent on bifurcation of the State, fresh orders on Warrant of Precedence are warranted.

2. After careful examination of the matter, Government hereby order that in supersession of all previous orders/instructions on the subject, the Order of precedence annexed to this order shall be observed at all State Functions in Andhra Pradesh.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

DINESH KUMAR,
CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
All the Ministers in the State
All the M.Ps/M.L.Cs/M.L.As. in the State
The Secretary to State Legislature, A.P.
The Director General of Police, A.P., Mangalagiri.
The Addl. Director General of Police(Int), A.P., Vijayawada
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Hon'ble C.M.
All the Collector & District Magistrates in the State
All the Superintendents of Police in the State
The Commissioner of Police, Vijayawada/Visakhapatnam.
The Registrar, A.P. High Court / A.P. Lokayukta
All the Departments of Secretariat. A.P., Velagapudi.
All Heads of Departments in the State
All the Registrars of Universities in A.P.
All the Chairman/Chairperson of Commissions/ autonomous bodies.
The Director, I & P.R., Andhra Pradesh
The Accountant General, A.P & Telangana
The P.S. to Hon'ble Chief Minister
The P.S. to Chairman, A.P.L.C.
The P.S. to Hon'ble Speaker, A.P.L.A.
P.S. to All Ministers.
P.S to Chief Secretary/Secretary(Poll)/Addl. Secretary(Protocol).

// FORWARDED :: BY ORDER //

SECTION OFFICER(SC)

P.T.O. for annexure

ANNEXURE to G.O.Ms.No.59, General Administrtion (Pro.A) DEPT., DT.11-4-2018.

Order of Preference

Article of the Warrant	Name of the Post
1	President of India
2	Vice President of India
3	Prime Minister of India
4	Governor of Andhra Pradesh
5	Former Presidents of India
5A	Deputy Prime Minister of India
6	Chief Justice of India / Speaker of Lok Sabha
7	Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh / Cabinet Ministers of the Union / Deputy Chairman, NITI Aayog / Former Prime Ministers of India / Leaders of Opposition in Rajya Sabha and Lok Sabha
7A	Holder of Bharat Ratna Decoration
8	Ambassadors Extra-ordinary and Plenipotentiary and High Commissioner of Common Wealth Countries accredited to India / Chief Minister of Other States / Governor of Other States
9	Judges of the Supreme Court of India
9A	Chief Election Commissioner / Chairman, UPSC / Comptroller & Auditor General of India
10	Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh / Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha / Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha / Ministers of State of the Union / Members of NITI Aayog .
11	Cabinet Secretary / Members, UPSC
12	Chief of Staff holding the rank of full General or equivalent rank
13	Envoys extraordinary and Ministers Plenipotentiary accredited to India
14	Chairman, A.P. Legislative Council / Speaker, A.P. Legislative Assembly / Chief Justice of A.P. High Court / A.P. Lok-Aayukta / Leader of Opposition, APLC / Leader of Opposition, APLA
15	Cabinet Ministers of Andhra Pradesh / Vice Chairman, A.P. State Planning Board / Ex-Governors of Andhra Pradesh / Ex-Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh / Governor of Reserve Bank of India / Deputy Ministers of the Union
16	Officiating Chiefs of State holding the rank of Lieutenant General or equivalent rank
17	Judges of A.P. High Court / Chairman, APPSC / A.P. State Election Commissioner / Chairman, APSHRC / Chairman, APAT / A.P. Upa Lok-Ayukta / Chairman, A.P. Electricity Regulatory Commission / Chairman, SC & ST Commission / Chairman, BC Commission / Chairperson, Women's Commission / Chairman, Minorities Commission / Chairman, A.P. Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission / Chairperson Food Commission / Chairpersons of Autonomous bodies of A.P. Assigned Cabinet Rank / Chief Justices of High Courts of other States / Puisne Judges of High Courts of other States.
17A	State Chief Information Commissioner

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18	Minister of State in Andhra Pradesh / Deputy Chairman, A.P. Legislative Council / Deputy Speaker, A.P. Legislative Assembly / Chief Whip, A.P. Legislative Council / Chief Whip, A.P. Legislative Assembly / Chairpersons, Zilla Parishads within their respective Jurisdiction / Mayors of Municipal Corporations within their respective Jurisdiction / Ministers of States of other States / Chairman and Speaker of State Legislatures of other States.
19	Govt. Whips, A.P.L.C. / Govt. Whips, A.P.L.A. / Deputy Ministers of A.P. State
20	Chairpersons, Zilla Parishads and Mayors of Municipal Corporations outside their respective jurisdiction / Dy. Chairman and Dy. Speaker of State Legislatures outside their respective States / Ministers of States of other States
21	Members of Parliament / Members of A.P.L.C. / Members of A.P.L.A.
22	Deputy Ministers of States of other States.
23	Chief Secretary to State Government / Special Chief Secretaries to Government of AP / Secretaries to Government of India(including officers holding this office ex-officio) / Chairpersons and Advisors in A.P. without Cabinet Rank / Vice- Chairman, APAT / Members, APERC / Members, APSHRC / Members, SC & ST Commission / Members, B.C. Commission / Members, Minorities Commission / Members, Food Commission / Members of Autonomous Bodies / Secretary, Minorities Commission / Secretary, SC&ST Commission.
23A	State Information Commissioner
24	Members, APAT / Retired Chief Secretaries to Government / Fag Officer Commanding in Chief, Eastern Naval Command / Officers of the Rank of Lt. General or equivalent Rank
25	Chief Commissioner of Land Administration / Principal Secretaries to Government of AP / Director General of Police / Principal Chief Conservator of Forests / Vice Chancellors/ Members, APPSC / Additional Secretaries to Government of India / Additional Solicitor General / Advocate General of A.P. / Charge Affairs and acting High Commissioners a pied and adinterim / Chief Secretaries of other State Governments.
26	Secretaries to Government of AP / Additional Director Generals of Police in AP / Chief Conservator of Forests in AP / Registrar, High Court of AP / Director SHAR, Sriharikota / Joint Secretaries to the Government of India and Officers of equivalent rank / Officers of the rank of Major General or equivalent rank.
27	Collectors of Districts within their Jurisdictions / District and Sessions Judges within their Jurisdiction / Indian Administrative Service Officers of AP in Selection Grade / Indian Police Service Officers of AP holding posts declared equivalent to that of Inspector General of Police / Indian Forest Service Officers of AP holding posts declared as equivalent to Chief Conservators of Forests / Registrar, Institution of Lok-Ayukta & Upa Lok-Ayukta, AP / Accountant General, Andhra Pradesh / Commissioner of Income Tax / General Manager, Telecommunications, AP.
28	Special Secretaries or Additional Secretaries to Government of AP / Engineer-in-Chiefs of AP / Additional Chief Conservators of Forests and Officers holding posts declared as equivalent in rank / Deputy Inspector General of Police and Officers holding posts declared as equivalent in rank / Heads of Departments under AP Fundamental Rules / Indian Administrative Service Officers of AP in Junior Administrative Grade / Additional Chief Judge, City Civil Court/ Small Causes Court, Chief Metropolitan Magistrate and Metropolitan Sessions Judge / District Sessions Judges (Grade-I & II) / Presiding Officer, State Transport Appellate Tribunal / Registrar, A.P.A.T.

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29	Indian Administrative Service Officers in Senior Time Scale / Indian Police Service Officers in Selection Grade and Junior Administrative Grade / Superintendents of Police within their Jurisdiction / Joint Secretaries to Government of AP and equivalent rank officers of HODs & Subordinate State Government Offices / Principals of Government Medical Colleges / Superintendent of Government Teaching Hospitals
30	Deputy Secretaries to Government of A.P. and equivalent rank officers of HODs & Subordinate State Government Offices.
31	Assistant Secretaries to Government of A.P. and equivalent rank officers of HODs & Subordinate State Government Offices.

NOTES

Note - 1	The order in this Warrant of Precedence is meant for State and Ceremonial Occasions and has no application in the day to day business of Government.
Note - 2	Persons in this Warrant of Precedence will take rank in order of the number of the articles. The entries in the same article are arranged in two Sections, persons from state Government and next person from Government of India. Those included in the same article will take precedence inter-se**-** according to the date of entry into that article. However, where the dignitaries of different States and Union territories included in the same article are present at a function outside their States or Union territories and there is difficulty in ascertaining their dates of entry, they may be assigned precedence as determined according to the date of entry into that article.
Note – 3	Except in the case of Ladies who hold a post mentioned in the Warrant of Precedence all other ladies will take their places along with their husbands in their respective Warrant of Precedence
Note – 4	**In Article 7**, the Chief Minister will take precedence over the Cabinet Ministers of the Union in official functions held in the State.
Note – 5	**In Article 8:** a) Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plan plenipotentiary and High Commissioners of Common Wealth Countries accredited Indian will en block rank above Governors of States outside their respective States. b) Governors of states outside their respective States will en block rank above the Chief Ministers of states outside their States.
Note – 6	The Ministry of External Affairs may assign appropriate rank to foreign dignitaries and Indian Ambassadors, High Commissioners and Ministers Plenipotentiary during their visits to India.
Note – 7	Notwithstanding the procedure laid down in Note 2, the rank inter se and precedence of the persons in Article 10 shall be assigned in the following order: **1)** Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha **2)** Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha **3)** Ministers of State of the Union and any other Minister in the Ministry of Defence for defence matters. **4)** Deputy Chief Ministers of A.P. **5)** Members of NITI, Aayog.

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Note – 8	**In Article 14:** a) Chairmen of State Legislative Councils will rank above the speaker and Chief Justice of High Court will take precedence over the Lok-Ayukta for the State of Andhra Pradesh b) The Constitutional appointees viz., Chairmen, Speaker and Chief Justice of the High Court will take precedence over the Lok-Ayukta for the State of Andhra Pradesh and c) The Leader of Opposition in Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly will take precedence after all other in that article.
Note – 9	**In article 18:** Chief Whip Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly will take precedence below the Ministers of State of States in the article.
Note – 10	**In article 19:** Government whips, Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly will take precedence above Deputy Ministers in that Article.
Note – 11	**In Article 21** :The members of Legislative Assembly who happen to be invited to the following Order: a) Members of Rajya Sabha. b) Members of Lok Sabha. c) Members of Legislative Council d) Members of Legislative Assembly. The following members of each House may however, take precedence over other Members of that House. a) Floor Leaders of Oppositions Parties; and b) Ex - Ministers , Leader of Largest Opposition Group in APLC / APLA will take precedence above all other Members
Note – 12	**In article 23:** **a)** Secretaries in the Ministry of External Affairs other than foreign Secretary between themselves will take precedence in the order of their seniority in Grade -I of the Indian Foreign Service and both of them will take precedence after the Foreign Secretary. **b)** Members of the Minorities Commission and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Commission will always take precedence over the Secretaries of these Commissions.
Note – 13	**Article 24:** Members of Andhra Pradesh Administrative Tribunal will take precedence after the Retired Chief Secretaries to Government in that Article.
Note – 14	**In Article 25**: **a)** Additional Secretaries in the Ministry of External Affairs among themselves will take precedence in the order of their seniority in Grade-II of the Indian Foreign Service; **b)** Additional Solicitor General will take precedence above the Advocate General of State.

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